

CLAYTON
Urban District Council.



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OF THE
Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR 1925.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the

Clayton Urban District Council.

I have the honour to present to you my ANNUAL REPORT of the Sanitary condition of your District during the year ended December 31st, 1925.

Population.

The estimated population of the District as received from the Registrar General is 5127, an increase of 16 on the estimated population for the previous year.

Births.

The total number of births registered during the year was 78 : 35 males, 43 females ; 3 more than that registered for 1924. Of these births 12—8 males, 4 females occurred at Highgate Road, an increase of 1 on the previous year, leaving 66 for the district,—27 males, 39 females.

The total number of births belonging to the district as received from the Registrar General being 75—30 males, 45 females, this being the corrected number of births, and equal to a birth-rate of 14·62 per 1000 per annum.

Compared with former years—

1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
14·62	12·13	15·21	11·50	12·30	18·93

Illegitimate Births.

The total number of illegitimate births registered during the year was 7—1 male, 6 females, a decrease of 2 on the previous year. Of these 2 were in the District proper and 5 at Highgate Road, a decrease both for the District and Highgate Road.

Still-births.

There were 3 still-births recorded during the year, a decrease of 1 on the previous year.

Deaths.

The total number registered during the year was 173—82 males, 91 females, an increase of 1 on the previous year. Of these deaths 120—60 males, 60 females occurred at Highgate Road, and 53 in the district, 22 males, 31 females, or an uncorrected death-rate of 10·33 per 1000 per annum. To these deaths have to be added 20 deaths—11 males, 9 females belonging to the district which occurred in Public Institutions, making 73 for the district proper—33 males, 40 females, an increase of 8 on the previous year and equal to a nett death-rate of 14·23 per 1000 per annum.

Compared with former years—

1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
14·23	12·71	12·29	12·10	9·72	13·42

Inquests.

There were 7 inquests conducted during the year, a decrease of 11 on the previous year, 5 were belonging Highgate Road and 2 belonging the District.

There was 1 uncertified death recorded during the year.

The natural increase in the population as between births and deaths was 2, 8 less than the previous year.

Of the deaths the ages were as follows—

			per annum
Under 1 year	4	equal to a death-rate of	0·78 per 1000
1 year & under 5 years	4	„ „	0·78 „
5 years & under 15 years	0	„ „	0·00 „
15 „ „ 25 „	3	„ „	0·58 „
25 „ „ 65 „	23	„ „	4·48 „
65 years and upwards	39	„ „	7·60 „
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Of these deaths 7 were between 80 & 90 years of age

18 „ 70 & 80 „

14 „ 65 & 70 „

or 34% were over three score years and ten years equal to a death-rate of 4·87 per 1000 per annum.

Causes of Death.

The chief causes of death were as follows :

Heart Disease	...	14	9 m. 5 f.
Cancer	...	9	4 m. 5 f.
Bronchitis	... ..	8	3 m. 5 f.
Cerebral Hemorrhage	...	7	3 m. 4 f.
Pneumonia	...	4	2 m. 2 f.
Arterio-Sclerosis	...	3	
Tubercular Diseases —			
of Respiratory System		2	
of other Systems	...	1	
Nephritis	... ..	2	
Measles	... ..	2	
Premature Birth	... ..	2	
Diabetes	... ..	1	
Whooping Cough	...	1	
Other Respiratory Diseases		1	
Puerperal Fever	...	1	
Other deaths from violence		1	
Other Defined Diseases	...	12	
Causes ill-defined	...	1	
Other accidents of Pregnancy		1	
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It will be seen from the above table that the main causes of death in your District come under four heads, of which Heart Disease and Cancer, as in the past twenty-five years, head the list, both showing an increase on the previous year.

Infantile Mortality.

The number of deaths of children under 1 year of age was 4, a similar number to that of the previous year. The infantile mortality being 53·33 per 1000 births.

Compared with former years—

1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
53·33	53·33	89·74	58·82	16·12	69·76

The causes of these deaths were :

Premature Birth 2 Acute Pneumonia 2

The ages were as follows :

1—5 hours. 1—4 days 2—5 months.

Infectious Diseases.

The total number of notification forms received during the year was 17, of these 6 were for cases not necessarily notifiable in this area leaving 11 that come under the notifiable infectious diseases.

The types were Erysipelas, Scarlet Fever, Enteric Fever and Puerperal Fever.

Of these cases 6 occurred at Highgate Road, 4 Erysipelas, 1 Enteric Fever, 1 Puerperal Fever, and 5 in the District proper 1 Diphtheria, 4 Scarlet Fever.

Compared with former years—

	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Scarlet Fever ...	4	2	7	8	17	24
Tubercular Diseases	0	7	7	4	3	5
Diphtheria ...	0	2	1	5	4	5
Erysipelas ...	5	4	2	0	0	1
Enteric Fever ...	1	1	1	0	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	1	0	0	0	1
Small-Pox ...	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever ...	1	1	0	0	0	1
Chicken-Pox not notifiable			2	0	0	0
	<hr/> 11	<hr/> 18	<hr/> 20	<hr/> 17	<hr/> 25	<hr/> 38

The above figures show a remarkably low notifiable infectious illness rate,

6 cases were removed to the Infectious Illness Hospital, 4 Scarlet Fever, 1 Enteric Fever. 1 Diphtheria.

Scarlet Fever.

Four cases occurred during the year, 1 in March, 1 in June 2 in December. 2 were males, 2 females.

The age incidence being 1—3 yrs. 1—4 yrs. 1—8 yrs 1—18 yrs.

All the cases were removed to the Fever Hospital, the houses stoved. No epidemic occurred.

Tubercular Diseases.

No new cases occurred during the year, 3 deaths from various forms of Tubercular disease occurred during the year, all males.

2 were cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis

The Phthisis Pulmonalis death-rate being 0·58 per 1000 per annum.

Compared with former years—

1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919
0·58	1·36	0·78	0·39	0·39	0·66	0·91

A much lower rate than the previous year.

A similar method is adopted in dealing with these cases as in previous years.

During May many cases of Measles and several cases of Chicken-pox occurred, it being necessary to close the Schools for three weeks. The origin could be traced to contact with a case in a neighbouring District. Two deaths occurred from Measles.

Cancer

Nine deaths from Cancer occurred during the year.

In association with this disease, it may be noted that during the last 25 years 150 deaths occurred from various types, with an average over that period of 6 per year.

It appears to reach a maximum every 5—6 years, the lowest rates being in 1907 and 1902.

During this period, Cancer has headed the list of causes of death on 6 occasions, and 2nd on 9 occasions.

Two special reports have been made during this time and 5 special reference made to it in my Annual Reports.

Slaughter-houses.

There are 3 in use in the District. Much improvement in the general cleanliness has been noted during the year.

A deputation visited Leeds during the year in regard to the meat regulations. The necessary conditions are being carried out.

Cemeteries.

Four Cemeteries exist in the District, three of them in the centre of the village and one at Clayton Heights. Reference to their position and condition has been previously reported upon.

A site for a new Cemetery has been obtained in the Land House Estate and steps towards construction have been taken.

The Council have provided a Mortuary in the district in Broad Folds and prior to this the Guardians have kindly placed the one at North Bierley Union at the District disposal, which has been much appreciated.

Sanitary Conditions

The general sanitary conditions of the District are considered satisfactory. There has been an entire absence of those diseases due to bad sanitary conditions.

Systematic attention has been given to emptying Ashpits and Closets. There is an increase in the number of Water Closets from 943 to 963. The out-fall works have been gradually put to a greater strain during the last few years and attention to the disposal of sewage will require the Council's attention.

8671 Ashpits, Privies and Dust-bins have been emptied during the year and the use of the Rubbish Cart on Fridays is a great benefit to the District, 182 loads being removed during the year.

Factories and Workshops.

Inspections by the Sanitary Inspector and the Medical Officer of Health have been made during the year.

37 Workplaces and Workshops were visited :

6 Confectioners	5 Ice Cream Vendors	6 Boot Repairers
6 Fish and Chip Shops	4 Joiners	2 Plumbers
3 Hairdressers	5 Others.	

Minor defects were found in a few instances, but generally they might be considered satisfactory.

Buildings.

The total number of Houses in the District is 1425, an increase of 12 on the previous year, an average of 3·59 persons per house.

Although a few houses have been to sell during the year, it is significant that there were no houses to let.

In comparing previous years, I find that in :

	1925	1915	1910	1905
Estimated Population	5127	4784	5362	5200
No. of Houses	1425	1334	1279	
		No. of Inhabited houses 1169		
Average No. persons per house	3·59	3·9	4·1	4·3

So that in the last 10 years the population has increased by 343 and the number of houses increased by 91, or an average of 1 house per 3·7 persons, whilst for 20 years, average person per house has fallen from 4·3 to 3·59.

Inspections under the Housing, Town Planning &c Act, 1909, continued during the year. Under this Act 116 inspections were made. Records of these Inspections have been kept, and Reports presented to the Council.

A feature of the Inspections is the number of houses occupied by one person, and this to some extent will account for the shortage of houses.

Taken generally, the year has been a satisfactory one and steady progress having been made.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HARRY STANSFIELD, M.B., Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector's Report

For Year ending December 31st, 1925.

Number of Houses in the District	...	...	...	...	1425
„ Water Closets	...	...	...	...	963
„ Waste Water Closets	...	...	...	...	120
„ Privies with moveable receptacles	...	...	...	...	2
„ Privies Middens	...	...	...	...	51
„ Houses with Baths	...	...	...	...	599
„ Privies, Ashpits, and Dust-bins emptied	...	...	...	...	8671
„ Loads of Ashpit Refuse removed	...	...	...	...	1620
„ Loads with Scavenging Cart on Fridays	...	...	...	...	182
Houses disinfected after Diphtheria, 1 ; Tuber, 1 ; Scarlet, 3					
	Puerperal 1	...	...	...	6
Number of Dry Ashpits in place of Ashpits and Privies	...	...	...	...	1
„ New Dust-bins in place of defective ashpits	...	...	...	...	1
„ Smoke Observations	...	...	...	...	14
„ Slaughter-houses	...	...	...	...	3
„ Visits to Slaughter-houses	...	...	...	...	15

Housing, Acts 1890 to 1923.

The number of dwelling-houses which have been inspected under and for the purposes of Sect. 15 and 17 of the Act during 1925	... ..	116
The number of dwelling-houses inspected which were found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	... ..	none
The number of dwelling-houses inspected, though not found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, were seriously defective from a point of view of danger to health or structural faults	...	25
Over crowding and sex difficulty	... ..	1
The number of houses which are still in defective condition		10
Number of notices forwarded to owners calling upon them to remedy defects during 1925	... ..	25
The number of dwelling-houses which have been repaired during 1925	... ..	20
...	

Number and Nature of Inspections made during the year.

Cowsheds and Dairies 1890 to 1923	... ..	98
Housing, Act, 1890 to 1923 during repairs		32
Infectious Diseases	... ..	9
Slaughter-houses	... ..	15
Nuisances and alleged nuisances	... ..	26
Buildings in course of erection	... ..	240
		420

Number of Notices served during the year— Statutory and Informal.

Statutory	... ..	35
Informal	... ..	12
		47
Total	... ..

Notices remaining undisposed of at Dec. 31st, 1925.

Statutory	... ..	15
Informal	... ..	1
		16

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Number of persons registered as Cowkeepers and Dairymen	...	48
„ Persons registered as Dairymen and Purveyors of Milk	... ..	3
„ Inspections made during the year	... ..	98
Number of Notices to persons requiring them to put their premises in proper condition for the protection of Milk against infection	... ..	3
Number of Notices not attended to	... ..	4
Number of Cowsheds repaired	... ..	3
Number of Cows	400 Yeilding Milk	... .. 362
Bulls	... ..	9
Stirks	... ..	28
Calves	... ..	14

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES WYLD,

Sanitary Inspector.

